

**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**May 17, 2018 at 7:30pm**  
**Town Hall Meeting Room**

In attendance: First Selectman Chris Spaulding, Selectman Stephan Grozinger, Selectman Brian Gordon, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Administrative Assistant Randi Derene.

This meeting was recorded and minutes will be available online and in the Town Clerk's Office.

- 1- **Call to order** First Selectman Spaulding called the meeting to order at 7:30pm
- 2- **Pledge of Allegiance** : led by Peter Ottomano
- 3- **Reappointment of David Coprio to Building Committee:** Selectman Gordon moved to reappoint David Coprio to the Building Committee for a term to end June 30, 2020. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4- **Resignation of Jaclyn Jeffrey from the Survey and Research Committee:** Selectman Grozinger moved to accept the resignation of Jaclyn Jeffrey from the Survey and Research Committee. Selectman Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5- **Resignation of Dan McNeill from the Commission on Children and Youth:** Selectman Gordon moved to accept the resignation of Dan McNeill from the Commission on Children and Youth effective April 30, 2018  
Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6- **Discussion/decision regarding appointing Bernadette Kingsley to the Survey Research Committee for a term to end December 31, 2018:**  
Ms. Kingsley said she studies wellness and happiness in education. She said she also has experience in collecting data.

Selectman Grozinger moved to appoint Bernadette Kingsley to the Survey Research Committee for a term to end December 31, 2018. Mr. Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 7- **Request from the Police Commission to authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$158,220 for Fiscal Year 2018-19 for purposes of funding the hire of a new full-time police officer and funding 546 hours of police officer overtime associated with patrolling the “Mile of Safety” an additional three hours each school day:** The Board of

Selctmen invited Chief Ed Henion, Board Of Education (BOE) Chair Gina Albert, Captain Matt Brodacki, Police Commission Chair Bill Brady, Police Commission Vice Chair Beth Gralnick, School Finance Director Richard Rudl and Superintendent Bill McKersie to discuss the issue.

First Selectman Spaulding explained this arose after adjusting the security profile of the school in addition to being a result of Parkland Florida school shooting. Captain Brodacki explained the current School Resource Officer (SRO) is involved with programming, interacting with kids, identifying kids at risk and performing threat assessments. Captain Brodacki also stated that these days, Police Departments and schools are more involved with each other. First Selectman Spaulding stated the Police Commission and the BOE would like to add an extra SRO to primarily work in the Middle School and increase hours of the mile of safety officer, who would also focus on the Intermediat School and Hurbutt School. Chief Henion explained that the Parkland school shooting has increased the amount of attention given to security in our schools. He feels this is not reactionary, but rather a thoughtful plan.

Selectman Gordon moved to authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$158,220 for Fiscal Year 2018-19 for purposes of funding the hire of a new full-time police officer and funding 546 hours of police officer overtime associated with patrolling the “Mile of Safety” an additional three hours each school day. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 8- **Discussion about expanding Fire Station #1 in order to meet the needs of Weston Emergency Medical Services.** FD Chief John Pokorny, FD

President Craig Cohen, EMS Chief Michael Schlechter and EMS President Jon Weingarten discussed the matter with the BOS. Mr. Weingarten stated EMS has been working with the town for over 6 years to try and provide sleeping quarters and meeting space. He explained that EMS would fund 75% of the cost of an expansion and that the town would fund the balance. He requested this project be approved by the Selectmen. First Selectman Spaulding stated this would be a long term fix and would be using a pre-existing facility. Selectman Grozinger agreed with plan and is pleased it is an opportunity for a town building to be improved. Mr. Swerdlowe, Building Committee Chair, added that they are working alongside Brian Humes and feels the plan is going to work very well.

- 9- **Update from the Beautification Committee** - Cynny Williams and Claudia Hahn provided an update to the BOS. Ms. Hahn updated the Board on maintenance contracts, new landscaping plans & irrigation plans. She also explained that these expenses will be funded by a trust and will not affect the town budget.
- 10- **Update from the Historical District Commission** – Paul Deysenroth represented the Commission.  
Mr. Deysenroth explained that they have been working with the library and their roof replacement. He stated this commission only meets as required and currently there are no applications. Mr. Deysenroth said there are 6 historic districts in town, and they have worked with several homes over the last few years. He said the goal of their commission to preserve the town's historic beauty.
- 11- **Update from the Sustainability Committee** - Amy Kalafa, Marc de Mul, Jens Buettnner, Kirby Brendsel, Bonnie Troy represented the Committee. The Committee spoke about projects such as Plastic Bag ordinance, Fracking waste ordinance, EV Charging Stations, and Sustainable CT.
- 12- **Discussion/decision to establish a Special Town Meeting for purposes of authorizing a sublease of a building at the Lachat Town Farm to the Friends of Lachat, Inc.:** Selectman Grozinger drafted a sublease. He said that the proposed sublease received a positive report from the Planning and Zoning Commission. He explained the language needs to be revised

and our town risk manager needs to work with Friends of Lachat, so the lease is not quite ready. Mr. Luiz requested, once all the details are wrapped up, to have a special BOS meeting as soon as possible to set the date for a special town meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>. No motion made.

- 13- **Update of the job description for Director of Public Works:** First Selectman Spaulding explained that Public Works Director, Joe Lametta is retiring after 40 years, so it is a good time to update the job description. Selectman Grozinger moved to update the job description for the position of Director of Public Works as presented. Selectman Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 14- **Update of the job description for Youth Services Director:** Mr. Luiz explained that the changes to this position will be a reduction in hours as the position will not longer spend considerable time performing clinical work. Mr. Luiz said the proposed job description is the result of a collaboration with the Commission for Children and Youth. Selectman Gordon moved to update the job description for the position of Youth Services Director as presented. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 15- **Discussion about the Other Post Employments Benefit (OPEB) Plan Actuarial Valuation Report dated July 1, 2017** Mr. Luiz provided a brief overview of the Plan.
- 16- **Discussion/decision regarding minutes approval: April 24<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>** Selectman Gordon moved to approve the Board of Selectmen minutes of April 24<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 17- **First Selectman's updates** - none
- 18- **Adjournment:** Selectman Gordon moved to adjourn at 9:17pm. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by, Randi Derene

Approved: June 7, 2018

